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SUBJECT:

Weekly Report for October 8 - October 19, 2001

THE WEEK AHEAD

- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee has noticed the hearing on the nomination of Thomas Sansonetti, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Environment and Natural Resources Division, for October 16 and a hearing on judicial nominations for October 18. (Scott-Finan)

THIS WEEK

- **Graham-Feinstein (S. 1448):** The Senate Select Committee on Intelligence will hold a closed hearing on October 10 on a provision of this bill, which has been inserted into the Senate anti-terrorism bill, that requires a report jointly from you, the Director of Central Intelligence, and the Secretary of the Treasury, on tracking of financial capabilities and resources of foreign terrorist organizations. CIA, Treasury and the Department have been invited to participate. (Walter)

LAST WEEK

- **Terrorism Bill Briefings/Hearings:** Associate Deputy Attorney General David Kris met with Representative William Delahunt on October 2 about amendments to the Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act (FISA) in the Administration's anti-terrorism bill. Mr. Kris testified on October 3 at a hearing before the Senate Judiciary Subcommittee on the Constitution, Federalism and Property Rights regarding constitutional issues related to the FISA amendments. He and FBI General Counsel Larry Parkinson met with Senator Arlen Specter to answer questions related to practical implementation of FISA and the effect of proposed amendments on October 4. On October 5, Mr. Kris met with Representatives Bobby Scott, Adam Schiff, Sheila Jackson-Lee, and William Delahunt to discuss how FISA works in practice and the potential effect of proposed amendments. (Walter)
- **PATRIOT Act of 2001 (H.R. 2975):** On October 3, the House Judiciary Committee marked up and ordered reported, as amended, the Provide Appropriate Tools Required to Intercept and Obstruct Terrorism (PATRIOT) Act of 2001, H.R. 2975, by a vote of 36 to 0. (Bernhardt)

- **Money Laundering:** On October 3, the Assistant Attorney General of the Department's Criminal Division, Michael Chertoff, testified before the House Committee on Financial Services regarding the money laundering provisions of the Administration's anti-terrorism bill. (Estrada)
- **Border Security:** On October 3, INS Commissioner Ziglar testified before the Senate Appropriations Treasury Subcommittee on northern border security issues. (D. Burton)
- **Uniting and Strengthening America (USA) Act of 2001 (S. 1510):** On October 4, Senate Majority Leader Daschle introduced S. 1510, the Uniting and Strengthening America (USA) Act of 2001, which contains language that has been negotiated between the White House, the Department of Justice, and the Senate Judiciary Committee. Senate leadership hopes to have the bill considered on the Senate floor this week. (Walter)
- **Nominations:** The Senate Judiciary Committee held a nominations hearing on October 4 for the following: Jay Bybee, to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel; Edith Brown Clement, to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit; Laurie Smith Camp, to be a United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; Claire V. Eagan, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Oklahoma; James H. Payne, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Oklahoma; and Karen Caldwell, to be a United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

On October 4, the Senate Judiciary Committee approved the following nominations by voice vote: Jay Stephens, to be Associate Attorney General, and Benigno Reyna, to be Director of the U.S. Marshal Service. The nominations of Barrington Parker, Jr., to be a United States Circuit Judge for the Second Circuit, and Michael Mills, to be a United States District Judge for the Northern District of Mississippi, were approved, each by a vote of 19-0. Additionally, the Committee approved the following U. S. Attorney nominees: Susan W. Brooks, Southern District of Indiana; John L. Brownlee, Western District of Virginia; Timothy M. Burgess, District of Alaska; Steven M. Colloton, Southern District of Iowa; Todd Peterson Graves, Western District of Missouri; Terrell Lee Harris, Western District of Tennessee; David C. Iglesias, District of New Mexico; Charles W. Larson, Sr., Northern District of Iowa; Gregory G. Lockhart, Southern District of Ohio; Henry S. Mattice, Jr., Eastern District of Tennessee; Robert G. McCampbell, Western District of Oklahoma; Matthew H. Mead, District of Wyoming; Michael Mosman, District of Oregon; and John Suthers, District of Colorado. (Scott-Finan)

- **Espionage – Montes Arrest:** On October 5, Deputy Assistant Attorney General Bruce Swartz and Acting Internal Security Section Chief John Dion, joined by representatives from FBI, CIA, and DIA, met with Senate Intelligence Committee staff to brief them on classified information that Montes had access to in her position as a senior Cuba analyst at DIA. (Walter)